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WEEKLY BIOMETEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN (1ST APRIL-7TH APRIL 2025)

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PREAMBLE

Biometeorology is an interdisciplinary science of interactions between atmospheric processes and living organisms - plants, animals and human-beings. The Biometeorological Services Division collects, analyzes and interprets Meteorological and Health data in liaison with partners in the Health Sector for advisory development.

The weather information provided is aimed at guiding residents to identify and recognize the likelihood of occurrence of weather-related health diseases according to the issued advisories and take necessary action.

Summary

Heavy rainfall can cause flooding and water contamination, leading to the water-borne diseases such as cholera and typhoid fever. Mosquitoes and other insects that carry diseases such as dengue fever, malaria and Zika virus thrive in warm and humid conditions, which can be created by heavy rainfall. Rain can lead to increase in respiratory illnesses and pneumonia due to dampness and mold growth.

REVIEW FOR PREVIOUS WEEK (24TH MARCH – 30TH MARCH, 2025)

1.1 Rainfall

This section lists stations recorded more than **50mm** total rainfall in the last **7 days**. Stations such as **Kitui, Kakamega, Kitale, Mombasa, Moyale, M.A.B, Embu, Nakuru, Machakos, JKIA, Kericho, Marsabit, Eldoret, Eldoret A/port, Meru** and **Kangema** recorded total weekly rainfall above **50mm**. This is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1:

| Station | Total weekly rainfall |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| | amounts |
| Kitui Met | 263.8mm |
| Kakamega Met | 108.2mm |
| Meru Met | 104.5mm |
| Kangema Met | 96.2mm |
| Moyale Met | 93.6mm |
| Kitale Met | 78.1mm |
| Machakos Met | 68.8mm |
| Mombasa Met | 66.1mm |
| M.A. B | 64.8mm |
| Embu Met | 64.7mm |
| Nakuru Met | 64.2mm |
| Kericho Met | 62.7mm |
| JKIA | 62.0mm |
| Marsabit Met | 54.4mm |
| Dagoretti C | 53.6mm |
| Eldoret Met | 52.8mm |
| Eldoret A/port | 52.5mm |

1.2 High Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures exceeding **35°C** in the last **7 days**. Temperatures in some counties including **Garissa**, **Turkana (Lodwar)** and **Mandera** recorded average weekly temperatures exceeding **35°C** as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2:

| Station | Average weekly maximum temperature |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Mandera Met | 36.9°C |
| Garissa Met | 35.8°C |
| Lodwar Met | 35.5°C |

1.3 Low Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures below 10°C in the last 7 days. All stations recorded an average weekly temperature **above** 10°C

1.4 High Winds

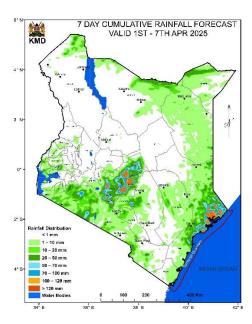
This section list stations that recorded winds with speeds of more than 25 knots (12.9 metres per sec) in the last 7 days. This was recorded in Marsabit Met station.

2.0 FORECAST FOR (1ST APRIL- 7TH APRIL, 2025)

Rainfall

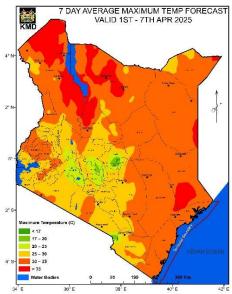
Rainfall amounts exceeding **50mm** is to be expected over some parts of the Vihiga, Nandi, Bomet, Nakuru, Narok, Kajiado, Nairobi, Kiambu, Nyandarua, Nyeri, Murang'a, Kitui,

Machakos, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Kilifi and **Lamu** counties during the forecast period of Tuesday 1st April 2025 to Monday 7th April 2025.



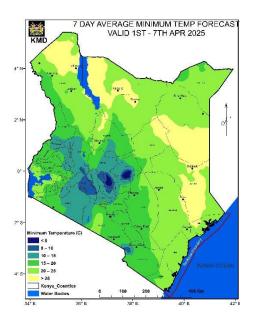
High Temperature

Temperatures exceeding **35°C** is to be expected in parts of **Garissa**, **Wajir**, **Mandera**, **Samburu** and **Turkana (Lodwar)** Counties during the forecast period of Tuesday 1st April 2025 to Monday 7th April 2025.



Low Temperature

Temperature of less than 10°C is expected over Counties like Nakuru, Nyeri, Murang'a and Nyandarua (Nyahururu), Meru, Tharaka Nithi and Kirinyaga during the forecast period of Tuesday 1st April 2025 to Monday 7th April 2025.



Winds

Winds of more than **25 knots (12.9m/s)** are expected over parts of **Marsabit County** during the forecast period of Tuesday 1st April 2025 to Monday 7th April 2025.

3.0 Meteorological Advisory on Weather-Related Risks

Residents are encouraged to monitor the following weather conditions and their potential impacts:

1. Rainfall

- Forecast: Some areas are expected to receive more than 50 mm of rainfall during the week.

- Implications: Increased risk of flooding in low-lying areas and along riverbanks. Higher

likelihood of waterborne diseases due to contaminated water sources.

- Recommendation:

1. Use clean, boiled, or treated water for drinking and cooking.

2. Stay Informed: Keep up with updates from the Kenya Meteorological Department regarding rainfall forecasts and advisories.

2. High Temperatures

Forecast: Anticipated temperatures may exceed 35°C in several counties.

Implications: High temperatures can lead to heat stress and dehydration.

Recommendations: Limit outdoor activities during peak heat hours (10 AM - 4 PM). Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Dress in light, breathable clothing and seek shade or air-conditioned spaces when possible.

3. Cold Weather Conditions

Forecast: Some areas may experience temperatures below 10°C.

Implications: Increased cases of **respiratory diseases** such as **flu, pneumonia**, and **asthma** attacks. Children, the elderly, and individuals with chronic illnesses are at higher risk. Recommendations: Dress warmly and limit exposure to cold, especially for vulnerable populations.

4. Strong Winds

Forecast: Winds exceeding 25 knots (12.9 m/s) are expected in specific regions. Implications: High winds can lead to dust storms, reduced visibility, and potential property damage.

Recommendations. Be aware of potential respiratory issues due to airborne particles.

Conclusion

Residents are encouraged to take proactive measures to safeguard themselves and their communities against the anticipated weather conditions. For accurate and timely updates, this advisory should be used in conjunction with the daily forecasts issued by the Kenya Meteorological Department.

Stay Safe and Informed.

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